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The County Business

With both county conventions history and both tickets nominated, the voters can now spend some time very profitable in studying the men who are the candidates for the various offices, their qualifications and character. The affairs of Torrance county should be placed in the hands of the most efficient and competent men possible. The expense of conducting the county's business is sufficiently burdensome on the people, without any waste of funds, and the county business—the people's business—should be conducted just as a private business would be.

The expense attached to the conduct of the offices has been much greater than it should be. Whether this is because of lack of efficiency or merely carelessness is of no consequence, but should be remedied. The office of county commissioner is one of the most important on this account. The county board must let contracts audit accounts and order the bills paid. Hence, when you place your business in their hands as your agent, you should see to it, that you will get men as commissioners who will look after the business carefully and expend the funds judiciously.

There is a good opportunity to place good, efficient and honest men in office this fall. We do not mean to insinuate that all who have held office have not been this kind, but that there has been either inefficiency or carelessness is very evident. Every qualified voter in the county should see that his name is registered and should go to the polls on November 7th and vote for the candidates he thinks will serve the people the best. All will not agree on the same men, or there would be no need of an election. But every voter owes it to himself and his neighbors to take an interest in the matter.

We expect in our next issue to say something about some of the candidates we believe should be placed in office and tell why we think so.

In his address at Roswell, last week, Mr. Bursum, said:

"Your road laws need amending. They are not what they ought to be. In fact, you have no road laws. Do you know that in the rural precincts the only rights that these people have is to pay their \$3 tax. They are permitted to pay the \$3 tax. You have no voice as to how that money shall be expended, by whom expended, when expended, or where expended. The same applies to your country."

For the love of Moike, why didn't Mr. Bursum discover that the road laws needed amending before the death of the late lamented (?) legislature, and do some amending? Every piece of legislation adopted by the late lamented (?) had to pass his scrutiny before adoption.

We have had a request from some of our readers that we publish the law governing stock on the range, and the requirements concerning fencing, as this would be beneficial to the newcomers in our vicinity. This is much more of a task than those asking the information think it, on account of the muddled condition of our statutes on the subject. However, as soon as we can take the time to wade through the statutes, we shall attempt to give as nearly as we can the best interpretation of the matter—not from a lawyer's standpoint, but from the standpoint of a pencil pusher.

Tocante a los Candidatos

En otra columna publicamos la Proclamación de la Elección, que será tenida el día 7 de Noviembre. Esta llamada contiene los nombres de todos los candidatos nombrados en todos los boletos en el condado. Se halla en cada boleto algunos candidatos de habilidad, que deben ser elegidos. Cada votante en el condado debe tener suficiente interés de ver que su nombre está en la lista de enregistrement, y también de ir al lugar de votación en su precinto y votar. Es un privilegio y también es un deber de cada ciudadano. Algunos de los hombres que están ahora candidatos han llenado varios destinos en otro tiempo. Los que han hecho bien deben ser elegidos otra vez. Los que no han hecho bien no están entitulado al voto del pueblo. En el próximo número de nuestro semanario, publicamos algo tocante el registro de algunos de los candidatos que creemos deben ser elegidos.

FOUND—Near schoolhouse pair of Spectacles. Owner can have same by describing and paying for this notice.

WILSON KEPT US OUT

By EDMUND VANCE COOKE

O, Germany is drenched in blood and England's spotted with red
And Austria's arithmetic can hardly count her dead,
And France is curbed and crippled and Belgium is worse,
And Russia is a grave-yard, while Hungary's a hearse.
And all the Balkan bedlam is in riot or in rout,
And Mister Hughes is peevish, because Wilson kept us out!
Kept us out! Kept us out!
Yes, Mister Hughes is fretful and is much inclined to pout,
But here's to Woodrow Wilson, to the man who kept us out.

The reign of Cain is in the world and glories in its might
For men are passion's playthings when they seize the sword and smite.

Yes, teeth and claws are everywhere and every beast can bite,
But behold! A man arises who achieves the Higher Right.
O, any child can criticize and any fool may flout,
But the world rots in its trenches, and Wilson kept us out,
Kept us out! Kept us out!
Let us sing it with a salvo, let us say it with a shout;
Any man can raise a rumpus, but Woodrow kept us out.

Freedom flees from warring nations. Europe has become a cell,
Where they chain the very children, waiting for their coming knell.

Where they've bartered woman's laughter for the shriek of shot and shell,
Where the very dew of heaven are replaced by rains of hell,
And if Mister Hughes regrets he's in America, no doubt
They will welcome him in Europe, where no Wilson kept them out.

Kept them out! Kept them out!
If heaven doesn't suit you and you'd rather stay without,
Go to—well, just go to Europe where no Wilson kept them out.

If Europe's dead arose and spoke their honest dead men's views,
If children maimed and women shamed should add their ghastly news,

If now they stood in flesh and blood with power to pick and choose,
How many of them, do you think, would side with Mister Hughes?

O, I can hear their ghostly cheer, can hear their piteous shout
Arise for Woodrow Wilson, for the man who kept us out.
Kept us out! Kept us out!

So I sing it with a salvo and I say it with a shout,
Glory be to Woodrow Wilson, to the man who kept us out!

Saturday, October 28th, is the last opportunity to register. The books will be closed Saturday night, and the only way to vote, in case your name does not appear on the registration list is to swear your vote in, which means trouble in making the affidavit and finding the necessary witnesses. The logical thing is to see that you are registered. And Don't Forget to See to it SATURDAY.

Following the convention which placed in nomination candidates for the various state officers, a great deal was heard that the candidate for governor was a very sick man—in fact grave fears were expressed by opponents that he would live to be inaugurated if elected. This song has died away, and not without cause. For if the campaign being made by said candidate is the work of a sick—almost dead—man, we wonder what kind of a campaign he would make, were he in good health!

The Silver City Independent last week issued a 12-page special campaign number, which is remarkable in several ways. It is the very latest in neatness and general typographical appearance. And in a campaign which is being conducted as this one is—wherein filth, dirtiness and mud-slinging seem to be the principal weapons, the special edition of the Independent is so clean that it is a relief to scan its numerous pages. We want to congratulate Don W. Lusk, the "power behind the throne" in this instance on his achievement.

"The people have no voice. Your commissioners are permitted to levy the taxes but they have nothing to say as to where the taxes shall be represented when or how."—H. O. Bursum in his address at Roswell last week.

Sure the people had no voice in the "late lamented (?) legislature," but we didn't think Mr. Bursum would confess the fact.

In our last issue we asked Mr. Walton to state his position on the matter of Submission of Prohibition, when here last Monday. This Mr. Walton did and very emphatically. He said that previous to Arizona and Colorado going dry, he did not favor Prohibition for New Mexico, for obvious reasons. But since these states are now dry and New Mexico is the "wet" spot, he is in favor of submitting the matter to a vote of the people, declaring his belief in majority rule.

GIRLS

They're getting into politics and glory in the strife!
They're cutting quite a figure in the realms of business life.
Now this may be the stylish thing, but it must be confessed
That after all is said and done, we like the home girl best.

Her biscuits may not be the best e'er made right at the start;
Her pie crusts may together stick and may refuse to part;
Her corned beef hash may taste just like a fluff rug in distress;
Her soup may be enough to make a criminal confess.

But still it makes a feller glad, wherever he may roam,
To think that this old-fashioned girl waits his arrival home.
Of course, you know, there's not a doubt that we like all the rest,

But getting squarely down to facts, we like the home girl best.

Roy K. Noulton.

FRED H. AYERS

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A Snap

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R. L. Shaw

Headquarters: E. D. Shaw's Restaurant

Mountainair, N. M.

Should not Neglect to Register

The various registration boards appointed for the purpose of registering the legally qualified voters for the November elections have opened their books for the entry of those who would exercise their franchise for county, state and national officers. Every voter should see to it that his name is properly placed upon the lists, as this will preclude confusion and possible disfranchisement on election day. The books are closed on the 27th inst. Do not delay this important matter until the last moment.

Notice to Voters

Notice is hereby given that the Registration Books for Precinct No. 15, Torrance County, are now open at the office of John W. Corbett, secretary of the board. All legally qualified voters should register. The books will remain open until ten days prior to the date of the election, November 7, 1916.

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Chas. L. Burt,
John W. Corbett,
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